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CORRECTION OF LAST OFFICE ACTION

1. In response to Applicant's telephone inquiry of March 11, 2004, regarding the Office action mailed February 13, 2004, the following corrective action is taken and the period for reply of **THREE (3) MONTHS** set in said Office action is restarted to begin with the mailing date of this letter.

2. U.S. Patent No. 5,043,816 (Nakano et al.) was not correctly cited in the last Office action. The correct citation is shown on the attached PTO-892. A copy of the reference is enclosed.

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jason T. Whipkey, whose telephone number is (703) 305-1819. The examiner can normally be reached Monday-Friday from 8 A.M. to 5:30 P.M. eastern standard time, alternating Fridays off.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Wendy R. Garber, can be reached on (703)305-4929. The fax phone number for the organization where this application is assigned is (703) 872-9306.

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